

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 654  
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sam Cordell for his  
laudable service to the McMinnville community  
and the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sam Cordell, who has lent his time and  
talents over the years to numerous community organizations and endeavors in the city of  
McMinnville which have greatly benefited the lives of every citizen of this wonderful community;  
and

WHEREAS, Sam Cordell is a native of South Pittsburg, Tennessee and arrived in  
Warren County after proudly serving his country in the United States Navy during World War II;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cordell distinguished himself as a businessman, first as an employee  
and later as the owner and proprietor of Grizzell's Jewelry, which he acquired after the  
retirement of Mr. Grizzell. Before retiring from the jewelry business in 2002, Sam Cordell was a  
Master Jeweler and certified gemologist highly acclaimed for his free-hand engraving skill; and

WHEREAS, active in his community from the very beginning, Sam Cordell joined the  
McMinnville Rotary Club in 1949, serving as President in 1959-60 and as District Governor of  
Rotary District 6780 in 1976-77. He was also a member of the Downtown Merchants  
Association and the McMinnville/Warren County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, respected by his many friends and neighbors for his wisdom and integrity,  
Sam Cordell was honored to serve as a member of the McMinnville Board of Aldermen from  
1956 to 1958; and

WHEREAS, a man of unlimited talents and skills, Mr. Cordell is a long-time member of the McMinnville Silver and Gold Band, having served as conductor for over 25 years; he has hosted a popular local radio program about high school and college football; and he has served as a referee with the TSSAA for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sam Cordell is a long-time member of Christ United Methodist Church, which he served as Choir Director for several years; and

WHEREAS, Sam Cordell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mildred McGinnis Cordell, and is the proud father of four wonderful children, Sara, Lucia, John and Ruth; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sam Cordell for his dedication to both his community and to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sam Cordell for his meritorious service as a community leader and thank him for his efforts on behalf of the citizens of McMinnville, Warren County and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.